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SUBJECT: ROK RED CROSS REP'S PLANS FOR ICRC

REF: SEOUL 6341 (NOTAL)

1. KNRC VICE PRESIDENT YI BOM-SOK (BOM SOK LEE)
DEPARTING SEOUL TODAY OCTOBER 31) TO ATTEND TEHRAN
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS CONFERENCE.

2. IN OCTOBER 30 DISCUSSION WITH POL COUNSELOR
YI INDICATED HE HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MODIFY
TEXT OF SOUTH KOREAN PROPOSED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
RED CROSS TALKS IN KOREA (REFTEL). ACCORDING YI,
AMERICAN RED CROSS SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY DROPPING
NUMBERED PARA 3 OF DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH NOTES,
WITH REGRET, LACK OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN SOUTH-
NORTH RED CROSS TALKS, YI SAID HE HAS ALREADY INFORMED
NETHERLANDS RED CROSS REP WHO WILL INTRODUCE
RESOLUTION THAT, IF OMISSION OF NUMBERED PARA 3 WILL
GAIN MORE SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION, IT CAN BE DELETED.

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3. YI SAID HE HAS RECEIVED NO FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM ROK CIA RE CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREAN RED CROSS REPS. HE DOES NOT INTEND TO SEEK ANY SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, BUT HOPED TO MEET WITH ROK CIA DIRECTOR YI HU-RAK BEFORE DEPARTURE. YI SAID THAT, IN ANY EVENT, HE WILL HAVE CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREANS. HE INDICATED HE EXPECTED TO USE THESE CONTACTS TO GET BETTER ESTIMATE OF WHAT NORTH KOREAN INTENTIONS ARE TOWARD FUTURE OF RED CROSS TALKS AND SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IN GENERAL. IN EVENT NORTH KOREANS SHOULD DECIDE TO MAKE MAJOR PUBLIC ISSUE OF SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS TALKS, YI SAID HE WANTS TO PUBLICLY STATE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS CAN BEGIN IN SEOUL THREE WEEKS AFTER THE RED CROSS DELEGATIONS RETURN TO THEIR HOME CAPITALS. YI HU-RAK'S APPROVAL WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THIS.)

4. YI ALSO INDICATED THAT FONMIN KIM IS PRESSING HIM TO JOIN ROK DELEGATION AT UN IMMEDIATELY AFTER TEHRAN CONFERENCE CLOSES TO ASSIST IN LOBBYING ON KOREAN QUESTION.

5. FOR EMBASSY TEHRAN: YI BOM-SOK IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND DESIRES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US REPS AT CONFERENCE.
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